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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE TO PRESIDENT
VIDELA.

1. PLEASE TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM PRESIDENT
CARTER TO PRESIDENT VIDELA PRIOR TO FOREIGN MINISTER
MONTES' DEPARTURE FOR WASHINGTON. THE ORIGINAL WILL
FOLLOW BY POUCH.

QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I WAS VERY PLEASED TO RECEIVE YOUR LETTER INFORMING ME
THAT ARGENTINA WOULD RATIFY THE TREATY OF TLATELOLCO. THE
COMING INTO FORCE OF THE TREATY WILL REPRESENT A VERY
SIGNIFICANT STEP TOWARD THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MORE
SECURE WORLD ORDER. I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT ARGENTINA WILL
BE ABLE FORMALLY TO RATIFY THE TREATY AND BRING IT
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INTO EFFECT SOON. THIS WILL GIVE IMPORTANT IMPETUS TO
OUR COMMON EFFORTS TO REDUCE THE DANGERS OF FURTHER
PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND TO SECURE A NUCLEAR
FREE ZONE IN LATIN AMERICA.

I SHARE YOUR CONCERN OVER THE CURRENT EVENTS IN AFRICA,
AND APPRECIATE YOUR DESIRE TO ENCOURAGE THE EFFORTS OF

AFRICAN NATIONS TO RESIST FOREIGN INTERVENTION. I HOPE THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL VOICE ITS CONCERN ON THIS ISSUE, AS I BELIEVE THAT THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERVENTION CAN ONLY BE SUSTAINED WITH FIRM INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT.

I TOO AM DEEPLY PREOCCUPIED BY THE WORLDWIDE UPSURGE OF TERRORISM AND SHARE YOUR SORROW OVER THE TRAGIC DEATH OF ALDO MORO. I AM HEARTENED, HOWEVER, BY THE MEASURED MANNER IN WHICH THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS REACTED TO THE TERRORIST THREAT. THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL IS A PROOF OF THE BASIC STRENGTH OF A DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT.

I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR THE CONSIDERATION SHOWN BY YOU AND THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT TO UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM DURING HIS RECENT TRIP TO ARGENTINA. I WAS VERY INTERESTED IN HIS REPORT OF YOUR CONVERSATION, AND I WILL TAKE A CLOSE INTEREST IN YOUR GOVERNMENT'S PROGRESS IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS AREA, WHICH IS IMPORTANT TO RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. END QUOTE.

2. THE WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT INTEND TO RELEASE THE TEXT OF THIS PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE. CHRISTOPHER

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